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The serious and deplorable results attendant on **THE ALERT** the explosion of gasoline or gasoline vapor on the auxiliary fishing sch. Alert, at this port Tuesday afternoon, when two men were hurled into eternity and a dozen more were more or less severely injured and burned, emphasizes the fact that too much care cannot be used in the use and handling of gasoline.

Other accidents, all of a serious nature, have previously happened on gasoline auxiliary fishing schooners sailing from this port. In one case, but for the daring of the master, the engineer would have died from the fumes which were fast overpowering him, and in another, the men in the cabin were so overcome by the fumes of the gasoline that one of them died before port could be reached and others were made severely ill.

In another case one of the vessels took fire from the gasoline and burned, becoming a total loss. This latter fortunately occurred in harbor; had it happened on the fishing grounds not a man might not have lived to tell the tale. Fire occurred on another, this caused by gasoline also, and after being supposedly drowned out and the vessel laid here some days, she went to sea only to have a gas explosion on board as soon as a lamp was lighted the next night and she had to race for Provincetown to have a second fire extinguished.

Many accidents, and narrow escapes from the same, all due to gasoline, have happened on many of the smaller gasoline pleasure and fishing boats at this port, most of which have never reached the public print. Nevertheless they have happened.

It is not the purpose of this article to place the blame for any of these mishaps, some of which have been so terrible in their consequences. It would not be fair to say that all were the results of lack of care, for no matter how much care is taken in anything, accidents are bound to happen.

However it does not seem that if care were used all the time, in all the cases, both here and elsewhere, at other ports where there have been gasoline explosions on fishing crafts with serious results, these occurrences would be so frequent. An authority states that the vapor from a pint of gasoline will explode 300 cubic feet of confined air.

Gasoline is not to be fooled with. Too much care cannot be taken in its use and handling. Gasoline explosion accidents are altogether too numerous and too frequent. Something should be done. If not, more rigid rules relating to its use and who should use it should be made; then those who are obliged to earn their living in proximity to it should be educated as fully as possible not only as to its use, but of its abuses and the danger arising from the latter.

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MAMMOTH LOBSTER.

Landed at Boston Yesterday by Sch. Frances P. Mesquita.

A 33-inch lobster was brought to T wharf yesterday by Capt. Joseph P. Mesquita of the fishing schooner Frances P. Mesquita. It was one of the largest ever seen at the fish pier and when Capt. Mesquita explained that it had nibbled a hook attached to a trawl in 23 fathoms of water 26 miles off Chatham, the fish experts declared the catch remarkable.

Measurements of the monster were taken as follows: Length 33 inches, claws 16 inches, legs 10 inches, spread of claws 30 inches, spread of tail 10 inches, circumference of body 15 inches, length of feelers 18 inches.

When the lobster was hauled into the Mesquita's dory it almost drove the men overboard by furiously clashing its jaws. Aboard the schooner it was tethered to a mast to prevent nipping the men.

USE WIRELESS TO GET NEWS.

Mackerel Buyers Now Rival Wall Street in Methods.

GREAT NEWS THIS MORNING.

Six Trips at Newport and More Are Bound to Market.



Great mackerel news was received this morning. Six trips at Newport, R. I., at 8 o'clock and nine more coming was the word that made the Board of Trade and "fishermen's corner" habitues sit up and take especial notice.

The fares at Newport were as follows:
Sch. Constellation, Capt. Charles H. Harty, 20,000 large and medium fresh mackerel.

Sch. Elizabeth Silsbee, Capt. John A. McKinnon, 7000 large fresh mackerel and 8000 medium fresh mackerel.

Sch. Hope, Capt. Alonzo Cahoon, 8000 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Pinta, Capt. Douglass McLean, 15,000 large fresh mackerel and 20 barrels of salt mackerel.

Sch. Veda M. McKown, Capt. Norman A. Ross, 5000 large fresh mackerel and 10,000 medium fresh mackerel.

Sch. Annie Greenlaw, Capt. George G. Hamor, 9000 large fresh mackerel.

The mackerel business has always been called "the gamble" of the fishing industry, and now it is living up to its name, for it is certainly racing with the stock market in quick transmission of news. When the New York Herald last summer, at the time of the annual cruise of the New York yacht club, fitted out a steamer equipped with wireless telegraph which accompanied the fleet all along its runs, hung out in code the stock quotations, direct from the New York stock exchange, it was thought that the limit was reached. But this has nothing on the enterprising people who deal in mackerel. They are not to be cast in the shade. Remembering that the business has always been called a gamble and likened to Wall street, they have adopted the latest Wall street methods, as exemplified by the Herald last year. Here is the scheme. For some days the mackerel fleet out to the southward have been doing a little something and more and gradually the fish have been approaching the vicinity of the South Shoal lightship and of course the fleet have been following them. Now, for the past three days, the bright and alert fellows who represent themselves and the big buying firms, and who are located at Newport, have been talking with the lightship by wireless, and yesterday the fleet and fish got so near there that from the lightship what was going on could be seen. Thus the buyers and the fishing world, for that matter, were in touch with the fleet.

Yesterday the word from the lightship was that a fleet of 20 seiners was there, working on fish and that the weather was fine, also that five or six vessels had made catches. This morning, after the six vessels arrived at Newport with their fares, another talk with the lightship over the wireless gave the information that there were 10 vessels there, weather fine and the fleet working on fish, also that one vessel had made a 500 barrels haul and had squared away for Boston.

A special telephone message to the Times from its Newport correspondent this forenoon says that the fish were taken from 55 to 60 miles southeast by south from No Man's Land, that there was a good body of fish, in small and very large schools of mackerel, some of the schools being all large and some all mediums, the latter being not very large mediums at that. Sch. Constellation got her fish in five schools, whereas others got theirs all in one school.

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The message also said that 13 and 8 cents had been offered for the large and medium mackerel. Sch. Clintonia got around a big school, but it was thought that her seine burst. When the vessels started to come in, she was dressing fish. Sch. Alert was also credited with making a fine haul.

The Boston sch. Arthur Binney, Capt. Rufus McKay, was at Newport last evening with 50 barrels of fresh mackerel.

Mackerel have struck in at House Island, Magdalen Islands, and the nets began to do something last Monday. The weather has been bad and is interfering with the fishing. The fish go from 125 to 200 count to the salt barrel.

The catch of fresh mackerel to date is 21,500 barrels against 27,339 barrels last year at this time and 20,324 barrels up to this time in 1906.

The Cape Shore catch of salt mackerel to date is 10,838 barrels. Last year at this time but 600 barrels of salt mackerel had been landed, the first Cape Shore trips coming in a year ago yesterday.

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MORE FINE TRIPS.

Schs. Priscilla Smith and Dauntless at Newport Again.

Latest Advices from Fleet on the Cape Shore.

A special to the Times from Newport, R. I., this afternoon reports the arrival there of sch. Priscilla Smith, Capt. William J. Corkum, with 125 barrels of fresh mackerel, and sch. Dauntless, Capt. John Matheson, with 200 barrels of fresh mackerel.

Schs. Norma, Avalon, Theodore Roosevelt, Nellie Dixon, and Cynthia sailed from Can- so Wednesday last.

Sch. Shenandoah cleared from Louisburg on the same date.

At Yarmouth, N. S., 50 barrels of mackerel was taken in the traps on Wednesday last and at Bloomfield, P. E. I., they were reported plenty.

The Cape Shore catch of salt mackerel to date is 10,663 barrels.

There are now 19 vessels to arrive from the Cape Shore and the latest advices place their catches as follows: Sch. Metamora, 130 barrels, Shenandoah, 40, Ralph L. Hall, 220, Theodore Roosevelt, 270, Avalon, about 300, Eglantine, 100, Hattie M. Graham, about 300, Madonna, 150, Norma, 140, Nellie Dixon, 110, Cynthia, 40, Conqueror, 239, Arabia, about 200, Harmony, Mary F. Curtis, Flirt, George Parker, Marguerite Haskins and Elmer E. Gray, light catches.

The Canadian Fish Bureau of Wednesday reports mackerel scarce at all stations on the Nova Scotia coast.

At Grindstone Island, Magdalenes, mackerel was reported very plenty and fair at Alberton, P. E. I.

Sch. Eglantine arrived at Liverpool, N. S., on Monday and cleared for the fishing grounds.

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Halibut Helped Out.

Several of the small fishermen who fished near the shore brought in large halibut at Boston yesterday. The Klondike had one, caught by Robert Goodwin, that weighed 150 pounds, the Appomattox brought in another, caught by Carlton Howard, which weighed 164 pounds, and the schooner Dorothy had four, two of which weighed out 238 and 200 pounds each, and were caught by George Miller and Timothy Hemeon. These fish were sold for the benefit of the men who caught them, and added considerably to their pay for the fishing trip.

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Well Known Mackerel Killer Will Command New Craft.

Splendid Sch. Oriole Will Be Launched in a Few Days.

Capt. Thaddeus Morgan, one of the well known killers of the mackerel fleet, who went to his home in Virginia last fall at the close of the seining season, intending to take a respite this season, is expected to arrive here today or tomorrow and once more get into harness and tackle the schools of much desired fish.

He will take command of the new vessel which Tarr & James of Essex are building for Orlando Merchant and which will be launched next week and immediately fitted for sea.

The new craft, which has been named Oriole, is expected to get away on her maiden trip by July 1 as about all of her equipment is ready and waiting for her.

Sch. Oriole is one of the finest fishing vessels ever built. She is of McManus model, a semi-knockabout design with short steel bowsprit and has lines that betoken the speed expected of her.

Capt. Morgan's friends will all be glad to greet him and welcome his return to the fold.

June 20th**DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.****Today's Arrivals and Receipts.**

Sch. Thomas J. Carroll, Rips, 120,000 lbs. fresh pollock.

Sch. Harmony, Cape Shore, 175 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Florida, south, netting, 1100 fresh mackerel.

Sloop Messenger, netting, 200 fresh mackerel.

Sloop Wm. H. Clement, netting, 400 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Soud, netting, 250 fresh mackerel.

Str. Alliance, netting, 200 fresh mackerel.

Str. Unknown, shore, 2000 lbs. pollock, 6000 lbs. haddock.

Today's Fish Market.

Round pollock, 75 cts. per cwt.; gutted 80 cents.

Bank halibut 6 1-2 cts. per lb. for white and 4 1-2 cts. per lb. for gray.

Salt bank cod, large \$3.75, mediums, \$3.

Salt Rips, cod, large, \$4, mediums, \$3.10; snapper \$2.

Salt Georges cod, large \$4.25, mediums, \$3.25.

Salt pollock, \$1.50; salt haddock, \$1.50.

Cape Shore salt mackerel, \$9.37 1-2 per bbl.

Fresh mackerel, 12 1-2 cts. each for large and 7 1-2 cents for mediums.

Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large, \$2; mediums, \$1.50; Cape North cod, large, \$1.90; medium, \$1.45; Peak cod large, \$1.75; medium, \$1.37 1-2; cusk, \$1.60; haddock, \$1.00; hake, 80 cts.; pollock, 75 to 80 cts.

Boston.

Sloop Vivian, 260 large fresh mackerel.

Sloop Eleanor, 450 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Good Luck, 20,000 cod.

Sch. Alcina, 20,000 cod.

Large cod, \$2.75 per cwt.; markets, \$1.50 to \$2; swordfish, 14 cts. per lb.; fresh mackerel, 16 cts. per lb.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Capt. James Goodwin, after discharging the big Cape North cod fare from sch. Ella M. Godwin will fit the craft for salt bank dory handling.

THINGS DO LOOK BRIGHT.

Ten Seiners at Newport and Boston Today with Fares.

LOT OF NETTERS ALSO IN.

Good Fishing Found Out Around South Shoal Lightship.



The mackerel horizon continues bright and good reports are heard every day from the seiners. Some splendid stocks are being rolled up and the knowledge that there is a fair body of fish in the vicinity of the South Shoal lightship and a goodly fleet at work out there is causing smiles of realization and anticipation.

Yesterday sch. Monarch, Capt. John F. Vautier, arrived at Boston with 15,000 large fresh mackerel and 10,000 fresh medium mackerel, the fare being taken in six sets in the vicinity of the South Shoal lightship. Capt. Vautier reported schools of large and medium fish on the grounds and a fair prospect there. He thought that sch. Clintonia secured a nice haul and salted. A fleet of 21 seiners were there when the fish came up Thursday and since then vessels had been arriving daily.

Before night, two more vessels reached T wharf, Boston, sch. Victor, Capt. John W. McFarland, with 18,000 large and medium fresh mackerel, and sch. Lucania, Capt. Martin L. Welch, with 9000 large fresh mackerel.

Large mackerel brought 13 1-2 cents each and mediums 7 cents each at Boston this morning.

At Newport yesterday sch. Effie M. Prior, Capt. Elroy Prior, arrived with 18,000 fresh mackerel and sch. Emerald, Capt. Albert Greenlaw, with 4000 fresh mackerel. About 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon sch. Priscilla Smith, Capt. William J. Corkum, arrived at Newport with 10,000 fresh mackerel.

There are two arrivals at this port from the Cape Shore this morning, sch. Cynthia with 56 barrels and sch. Eglantine with 93 barrels of salt mackerel.

The fare of sch. Eglantine sold to the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Co. and that of sch. Cynthia to Sylvanus Smith & Co.

Several of the southern netters came home yesterday, the dogfish and sharks tearing their nets so badly as to fairly drive them home. All brought a few fresh mackerel along with them and three of them went into Boston and marketed their trips.

Some of these netters report sailing through a good body of mackerel in the vicinity of the South Shoal lightship.

Sch. Victor, Capt. John W. McFarland, has been "doing things" lately. She did not go to the Cape Shore, but stayed to the southward. When the Cape Shore fleet began to come home she had done nothing, but since then has struck mackerel in great style, landing four fine fares and one small fare, all fresh.

Sch. Priscilla Smith, Capt. William J. Corkum, has been "running the mail" out to the southward. On Tuesday last the craft was at Newport with 125 barrels fresh and again on Friday she was there with another trip of the same size. Then Sunday afternoon she was once more there with a trip of 10,000 fresh mackerel.

The following netters were at New Bedford late Friday:

Sloop Barbara, 7 bbls. fresh mackerel.

Sloop Bessie, 5 bbls. fresh mackerel.

Sloop Mogul, 5 bbls. fresh mackerel.

Sloop Florence, 4 bbls. fresh mackerel.

Sloop Magnolia, 18 bbls. fresh mackerel.

Sloop Reliance, 11 bbls. fresh mackerel.

Sloop Nancy, 18 bbls. fresh mackerel.

Sch. Lewis Warren, 16 bbls. fresh mackerel.

Sloop Crescent, 8 bbls. fresh mackerel.

Sloop Albert Brown, 11 bbls. fresh mackerel.

The following netters were at Newport, R. I., yesterday:

Sloop On Time, 1400 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Cherokees, 400 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Freedom, 300 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Marguerite, 5000 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Mineola, 500 fresh mackerel.

The vessels of the Cape Shore fleet yet to arrive are schs. Metamora, Shenandoah, Ralph L. Hall, Theodore Roosevelt, Mary F. Curtis, Flirt, Arabia, Avalon, George Parker, Hattie M. Graham, Marguerite Haskins, Madonna, Norma, Nellie Dixon, Conqueror and Elmer E. Gray. It is thought that some of the vessels have probably gone to the southward and joined the fleet on South Shoal lightship.

Sixteen of the Cape Shore are yet to arrive and from the latest available reports from them, they have on board an aggregate of about 2450 barrels of salt mackerel. The fleet home from the Cape Shore thus far has landed 10,987 barrels of salt mackerel, so that the salt Cape Shore catch of the entire Cape Shore fleet will be close around 13,400 barrels. The Cape Shore catch of fresh mackerel by American seiners was practically 8000 barrels.

Capt. McPhee, who arrived here Saturday

from Prince Edward Island, reports a big body of mackerel schooling to the southward of the island. At Souris, on Monday the nets were plugged full and fish were schooling from East Point to Cape George. The captain reports the season fully a month ahead of last year.

A special to the Times this forenoon from Newport states that sch. Aloha arrived there late yesterday with 200 barrels of fresh mackerel and sch. Grayling, Capt. Joseph Smith, with 245 barrels.

This morning sch. Electric Flash, Capt. William Bissert, arrived at Newport with 130 barrels of fresh mackerel and 100 barrels of salt mackerel and sch. Natalie J. Nelson, Capt. Albert Larkin, with 175 barrels of fresh mackerel. The steamer Bessie Dugan was also there with 2000 fresh mackerel.

The following netters are at Newport, R. I., this morning with mackerel:

Sch. Lydia, 1300 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Jennie H. Gilbert, 1700 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Mabelle E. Leavitt, 1500 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Fitz A. Oakes, 1400 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Estelle S. Nunan, 3000 fresh mackerel.

The Canadian Fish Bureau of Friday last reports 100 barrels of mackerel being taken in three traps at Yarmouth, and mackerel schooling off Clark's Harbor. At D'Escoisse, and L'Ardoise mackerel were scarce, while at Alberton, P. E. I., they were quite plenty.

Sch. Hattie M. Graham arrived at Canso, and schs. Mary F. Curtis and Nellie Dixon at White Head, N. S., on Friday.